STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In re Procedure for Waiver Of Second Filing Fee for Vehicle Forfeitures under Minn. Stat. § 169.1217

STANDING ORDER

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 169.1217, subd. 7a (d) establishes a judicial forfeiture procedure and provides that claimants who demand a judicial determination of a forfeiture shall pay a standard civil filing fee;

WHEREAS, Minn. Stat. § 169.1217, subd. 8 (b) outlines a concurrent and overlapping judicial forfeiture procedure, which, under certain circumstances, requires that claimants pay a second filing fee in addition to the filing fee previously mentioned;

WHEREAS, both of the forfeiture procedures and the resulting filing fees relate to a single vehicle forfeiture;

AND WHEREAS, it is unfair to require the payment of two filing fees in order to obtain a single judicial determination of forfeiture;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That effective immediately, the filing fee required under Minn. Stat. § 169.1217 subd. 8 (b) is waived for all claimants who have previously paid a filing fee under Minn. Stat. § 169.1217, subd. 7a (d) in a case arising out of the same factual circumstances.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: September 18, 1998

Daniel H. Mabley
Chief Judge